

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method for providing a media change notification on a computing system comprising:

5 polling a media device of a computing system for a media change wherein said polling of said media device cannot be blocked by said computing system;
detecting a media change on said media device;
generating a media change notification when said media change is detected; and
outputting said media change notification when said media change on said
10 media device is detected wherein said media change notification cannot be blocked by said computing system.

2. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said media content notification is performed by a kernel level component.

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3. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said media content notification is performed by a user level component.

4. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said media content notification
20 is performed by modifying a media-polling component of an operating system.

5. The method as recited in Claim 4 wherein said modifying of said media polling component in said operating system comprises:

utilizing said media polling component to poll each said media device coupled with said computing system for content regardless of any input to said media polling component by said computing system.

5 6. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said media content notification is performed by a second component operating parallel to a first component in an operating system.

10 7. The method as recited in Claim 6 wherein said first component in said operating system polls said media device for content and can be disabled by said computing system, and said second component operating parallel to said first component in said operating system polls said media device for content and cannot be disabled by said computing system.

15 8. The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said media change is an introduction of media to said media device of said computing system.

20 9. A computer readable medium for storing computer implementable instructions, said instructions for causing a client system to perform a method for providing a media change notification on a computing system comprising:

polling a media device for a media change wherein said polling of said media device cannot be obstructed;

detecting a media change on said media device;

generating a media change notification when said media change is detected; and

outputting said media change notification when said media change on said media device is detected wherein said media change notification cannot be obstructed.

10. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein said media content notification is performed by a kernel level component.

11. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein said media content notification is performed by a user level component.

12. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein said media content notification is performed by modifying a media polling component of an operating system.

13. The computer readable medium of Claim 12 wherein said modifying of said media polling component in said operating system comprises:
utilizing said media polling component to poll each said media device coupled with said computing system for content regardless of any input to said media polling component by said computing system.

14. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein said media content notification is performed by a second component operating parallel to a first component in an operating system.

15. The computer readable medium of Claim 14 wherein said first component in said operating system polls said media device for content and can be disabled by said

computing system, and said second component operating parallel to said first component in said operating system polls said media device for content and cannot be disabled by said computing system.

5 16. The computer readable medium of Claim 9 wherein said media change is an introduction of media to said media device of said computing system.

 17. A system for providing a media change notification on a computing system comprising:

10 means for polling a media device of a computing system for a media change wherein said polling of said media device cannot be blocked by said computing system;

 means for detecting a media change on said media device;

 means for generating a media change notification when said media change is detected; and

15 means for outputting said media change notification when said media change on said media device is detected wherein said media change notification cannot be blocked by said computing system.

 18. The system as recited in Claim 17 wherein said means for polling said media devices is at a kernel level.

 19. The system as recited in Claim 17 wherein said means for polling said media devices is at a user level.

25 20. The system as recited in Claim 17 wherein said media content notification is performed by modifying a media-polling component in an operating system.

21. The system as recited in Claim 20 wherein said modifying of said media polling component in said operating system comprises:

means for utilizing said media polling component to poll each said media device
5 on said computing system for content regardless of any input to said media polling component by said computing system.

22. The system as recited in Claim 17 wherein said media content notification is performed by a second component operating parallel to a first component in an
10 operating system.

23. The system as recited in Claim 22 wherein said first component in said operating system has a means for polling said media device for content and can be disabled by said computing system, and said second component operating parallel to
15 said first component in said operating system has a means for polling said media device for content and cannot be disabled by said computing system.